

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of the present patent application based on the foregoing amendments and following remarks are respectfully requested.

By this Amendment, claims 2-5 are amended and claim 7 is cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer to the subject matter therein. No new matter has been added. Accordingly, after entry of this Amendment, claims 1-6 will be pending in the patent application.

Applicant appreciates the Examiner's indication that claims 1 and 6 are allowed.

In the Office Action, claims 2-5 and 7 were objected to. The objection is respectfully traversed.

Claim 7 is cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer, thus rendering moot the objection of this claim. With respect to claims 2-5, these claims are amended in the manner suggested by the Examiner.

Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the objection to claims 2-5 and 7 are respectfully requested.

Claim 7 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph. Claim 7 is cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer, thus rendering moot the rejection of this claim.

Claims 2-5 were objected to, but would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the claim objections. In view of the above, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 2-5 are in condition for allowance.

In the Office Action, the Examiner has set forth "Reasons for Allowance" which describe aspects of independent claims 1 and 6, but omit other aspects. Applicant respectfully traverses the expressed reasons for allowance. Specifically, it is submitted that the subject matter of the allowed claims is patentable for their respective recitations of claimed combinations as a whole, without any particular criticality or distinguishing feature being attributable to any one or more of such features, and without any narrowing interpretation being imposed on any of such features. Furthermore, Applicant also submits that the dependent claims are allowable not only for their dependence on the allowed independent claim, but also for the additional subject matter recited in each of those dependent claims.

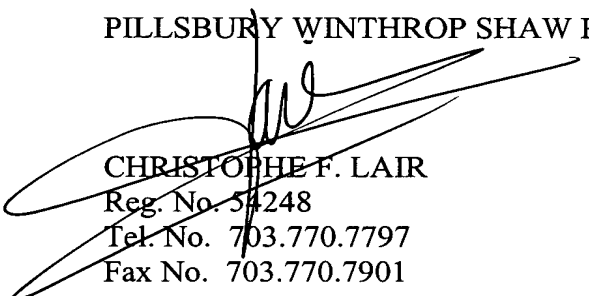
All rejections and objections having been addressed, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in a condition for allowance and a Notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

If any point remains in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, please contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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